

Applic. No. 10/662,631

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Remarks/Arguments:

Applicants do not agree with the Examiner's statement in the Notice of Allowance, that claim 1 is limited to a single use device.

More specifically, according to claim 1, the function of the closure device is as follows: If in a closed position, the closure of the container is neither connected to the first nor the second opening. If the closure is changed from the closed position to the open position, a connection from the container to the second opening is established and then the connection from the container to the second opening is interrupted, thereafter a connection is established from the container to the first opening. The closure can then be returned from the open position back to the closed position. The closure device can be returned from the closed position to the open position again by repeating the above-listed steps. Accordingly, the closure will re-establish the connection from the first opening to the container.

The Examiner's comments indicate that he appears to be overlooking the limitation of claim 1, that "said closure device upon being actuated for establishing a connection

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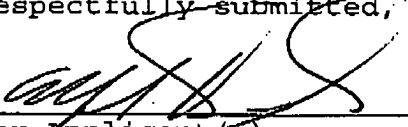
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between said first opening and the container" and that this limitation can be performed as many times as desired.

Therefore, contrary to the Examiner's comments, the claimed closeable dispensing device is not a single use device.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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